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liminary study of the anatomy and physiology of city government, too much stress upon the importance of the latter branches of the subject can scarcely be laid."

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*Housing Problems in America.* Proceedings of the Second National Conference on Housing. Cambridge: The University Press, 1913.

The second volume on the subject of housing problems in this country, while presenting the most recent consensus of expert opinion upon the general housing situation, is designed to be of especial help to the medium-sized cities. Particularly valuable for practical use is the fact that the papers with their statement of general principles given by our leading experts in housing and municipal problems were supplemented by discussions and round-table talks which threw light upon the concrete conditions and actual methods in use. The live interest shown in the questions of the desirable type of working-men's houses, the adoption of the zone system in city-planning, and the promotion of associations for co-operating with the wage-earner in financing the small home manifest the strong tendency to emphasize the preventive as well as the remedial methods in meeting housing problems.

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*Ehe und Ehereform.* By VON ROMUNDT CHASTÉ. Berlin, 1913.

The first forty-two of his eighty-two pages the writer devotes to telling you how down he is on certain types prominent in modern life, principally on the greedy and brutal capitalist, exploiter of art and science, patron of prostitution, corrupter of all he meets, and on the women of his *harimlik*, wives pampered, "spoiled," unwilling to bear children, daughters educated merely to catch suitors, sensationalists, immoderate "sports." For such unpleasant characters the traditional attitude toward marriage, the writer claims, is responsible. Marriage is celebrated today with meaningless forms. It is a mere purchase, negotiated by those of unlike tastes and interests, bent on fooling each other beforehand, and afterward, at best content in getting used to each other and growing fat and soulless together. Now as all social